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THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFO MADRAS  
AND CALCUTTA AND IS REPEATED TO YOU.

QUOTE:

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E.O. 11652 N/A  
TAGS:PINT, IN  
SUBJ: MAHARASHTRA CONGRESS COALITION GOVERNMENT ON WAY OUT

1. THE 130 DAY OLD CONGRESS (C)-CONGRESS (I) COALITION IS TOTTERING  
FOLLOWING THE JULY 12 RESIGNATIONS OF FOUR MINISTERS SUPPORTED BY  
PERHAPS 50 OF 155 MLAS FORMING THE COALITION IN A HOUSE OF 288.  
THOUGH ALL THE FOUR MINISTERS BELONG TO THE CONGRESS (C) SOME 14  
OF THE 50 MLAS SUPPORTING THEM BELONG TO THE CONGRESS (I).

2. CHIEF MINISTER VASANTRAO PATIL HAS TWO APPARENT ALTERNATIVES:  
TO RESIGN OR TO FACE DEFEAT ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE. IF HE ADVISES  
THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO DISSOLVE THE HOUSE HIS RECOMMENDATION IS  
MOST UNLIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED AS THE JANATA PARTY DOES NOT WANT  
PRESIDENT'S RULE OR NEW ELECTIONS. JANATA WOULD HOPE TO PARTICIPATE  
IN A NEW GOVERNMENT TO ASSURE A PAWAR-LED MINORITY GOVERNMENT  
OF ITS SUPPORT. FOR HIS PART, PATIL HAS LEFT THE FUTURE COURSE  
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OF ACTION IN THE HANDS OF THE CONGRESS (C) PARLIAMENTARY  
PARTY AND ITS NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY K.C. PANT IS  
REPORTEDLY ARRIVING BOMBAY TODAY TO "STUDY"THE SITUATION.

3. THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS ARE A SETBACK TO MRS. GANDHI  
AND THE STATE UNIT OF HER PARTY WHICH WILL FURTHER  
DISINTEGRATE UNLESS A REMEDY CAN BE FOUND TO PUT THE

COALITION BACK TOGETHER. Y.B. CHAVAN WIL CERTAINLY REJOICE  
AT A SETBACK FOR MRS. GANDHI BUT HE MAY BE TAKING ON MORE  
THAN HE CAN HANDLE IF HIS PROTEGE BECOMES DEPENDENT ON  
JANATA.

4. JANATA GAINS WILL BE MEASURED BY THE COMPOSITION OF  
THE NEW COALITION. SOME CONGFRESS (C) AND CONGRESS (I)  
DISSIDENTS COULD FORMALLY JOIN THE JANATA.  
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